

THE PICTURE OF DORIAN
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He jumped *up*, and seized her roughly by the arm. "Show *me* to me. Which is he? Point him out. I must see him!"
 "I exclaimed; but at that moment the Duke of Berwick's four-hand came between, and when it had left the space clear, the carriage had swept out of the Park.
 "He is gone," murmured Sibyl, sadly. "I wish you had seen him."
 "I wish I had, for as sure as there is a God in heaven, if he ever does you any wrong I shall kill him."
 She looked at him in horror. He repeated his words. They felt it the air like a dagger. The people round began to gape.
 The lady standing close to her tittered.
 "Come away, Jim; come away," she whispered.
 He followed her doggedly, as she passed through the crowd. He felt glad what he had said.
 When they reached the Achilles Statue she turned round, there was pity in her eyes that became laughter on her lips.
 She shook her head at him. "You are foolish, Jim, utterly foolish; a bad-tempered boy, that is all. How can you say such horrible things? You don't know what you are talking;
 >out. You are simply jealous and unkind. Ah! I wish you could fall in love. Love makes people good, and what you did was wicked."
 "I am sixteen," he answered, "and I know what I am about, [other is no help to you. She doesn't understand how to look after you. I wish now that I was not going to Australia at all. I have a great mind to chuck the whole thing up.
 would, if my articles hadn't been signed."
 "Oh, don't be so serious, Jim. You are like one of those silly melodramas mother used to be so fond of acting in. I am not going to quarrel with you. I have seen Jim, and oh 1 to see him is perfect happiness. We won't quarrel, know you would never harm any one I love, would you?"
 "Not as long as you love him, I suppose," was the sullen answer.
 "I shall love him for ever!" she cried.
 "And he?"
 "For ever, too 1"
 "He had better."
 She shrank from him. Then she laughed and put her hand on his arm. He was merely a boy.
 At the Marble Arch they hailed an omnibus, which left them Lose to their shabby home in the Euston Road. It was after